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SCENE ON A LINER.

Steward Sent to Prison.

One of the stewards on the P. and O. liner Novara, named G. Nordin, was sentenced by Mr. W. R. Strickland in the British police court Shanghai, to three weeks' imprisonment for an assault on the third officer, R. W. Bennett.

The complainant said that on the 12th inst. when the vessel was between Singapore and Hongkong, he was on the bridge from eight o'clock until twelve in the evening. Witness sent for a glass of ice water which was not immediately forthcoming. He sent for the man in charge of the second saloon and when he came to the bridge, witness asked him if he was in charge. Accused replied insolently, "Yes, I am." Witness then asked him why he didn't salute the bridge. Accused replied, "No, I don't salute." Witness said, "You are the man who is going to knife me?" The man had previously threatened witness, and on the question being put to him, he rushed at witness, who struck him on the jaw. Accused put his head down as if to butt him, but got his head in Chancery. Witness continued, "My hand was across his mouth and he bit my finger. I called for the quartermaster. Accused was making a great noise. The quartermaster pulled him off and then I pulled him down the ladder. I was in charge of the ship and during the scuffle no one was in charge."

A NELSON LETTER.

There is to be sold at Sotheby's next month a letter written by Nelson to Lady Hamilton from the George Inn, Portsmouth, on September 14, 1805, just before Nelson went on board the Victory. The letter is as follows:—  
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SUNDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

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Hongkong September 4, 1902.

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## NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of  
1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will  
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Hongkong, December 20, 1912. 1597

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January 2nd, and will for SINGAPORE,  
PENANG, RANGOON, CALCUTTA,  
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Hongkong, November 13, 1912. 1442

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## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

EDINBURGH, Dec. 8.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.  
St. Andrew's Day has been described  
as the link of a common nationality which  
the Scotsman never thinks of reeling  
until he has left his native land. There  
is much truth in the saying: our true  
blue Saint is certainly more honoured  
in England, not to speak of overseas, than  
in all the length and breadth of Cele-  
donia. But the festival is gradually  
being more observed among us. A wave  
of patriotism is passing over our land  
which is not altogether of a political  
character, as some would fain have us  
believe. It is carrying along with it men  
of all parties and classes and creeds.

On Saturday, the most notable depar-  
ture in the Edinburgh celebrations was  
the service held in St. Giles' Cathedral,  
in obedience to Royal command, attend-  
ed by the Knights of the Thistle. The  
insignia of the Order was not worn, but  
it is expected that this will be obligatory  
in future years. Since the last meeting  
of the Knights in their beautiful little  
side Chapel, which it will be remem-  
bered, was opened and consecrated in the  
presence of his Majesty on the occasion  
of his Coronation visit to Scotland, the  
crosses and helmets of the late Duke of  
Fife and the Marquis of Tweeddale have  
been removed. Their place has been  
taken by the crosses and helmets of the  
two new Knights, the Earl of Mar and  
Kellie and Lord Reay.

Quite a number of banquets were held,  
at which Scots who had been abroad were  
prominent. At one of them, the Glasgow  
St. Andrew's Society, a little colour was  
introduced by a number of gentlemen,  
who relieved the monotony of ordinary  
evening dress by silk ribbons of tartan  
worn across their breasts. The Scottish  
gatherings, as usual, were overshadowed  
by those in England, particularly by the  
annual banquet of the Royal Scottish  
Corporation in London. Mr. A. J. Bal-  
four was the principal guest, and made  
one of those stimulating and suggestive  
speeches with which he adorns our public  
life outside of party politics. He made  
one remark which has attracted wide-  
spread attention. "We Scots have be-  
yond all the world set an example how  
to reconcile naturally and completely and  
without effort two things which at first  
sight do not seem easily reconciled—the  
intense and ardent patriotism for a part  
which yet only reinforces and strengthens  
the larger patriotism for the whole."  
Scottish feeling burns warmly and  
strongly, and on St. Andrew's Day it  
blazes up in the hearts of expatriated  
Scots for all the world to see. But these  
celebrations also help to proclaim Scot-  
land's great achievement in the absolute  
reconciliation of the principle and feel-  
ing of nationality, the consciousness of a  
separate history during many formative  
and important centuries with the larger  
though not more ardent spirit of patri-

otism which "includes in its scope Great  
Britain, and not Great Britain alone, but  
the whole Empire of which we are citi-  
zens." This triumph over obstacles and  
tendencies largely justified, as it doubt-  
less partly inspired, Mr. Balfour's tone  
of optimism when he made confident  
anxiety that, in spite of difficulties loom-  
ing ahead, all would go well with the  
Empire. It may be said to be on the  
model furnished by Scotland that, not  
so much in structural form, but what is  
of greater importance, the unifying spirit  
of a free Empire has come gradually into  
being and strength. No great fusion, Mr.  
Balfour reminds us, can be brought about  
by a stroke of the pen. To be bene-  
ficient and permanent, like the happy  
union between the realms of England and  
Scotland, there must be much preliminary  
work. How much more cautious and  
deliberative—granting that a task should  
be undertaken at all—than is a reversal  
of the process that has made these islands,  
and the whole Empire powerful, prosper-  
ous, and contented—should therefore be  
the work of breaking up a Union and the  
planting of fresh germs of discord and  
division?

The speeches on St. Andrew's Day one  
more conclusively proved that we have  
not lost our traditional "guid conceit"  
ourselves." Dr. Mackay, of Liverpool,  
put it in a humorous shape when he  
gave a new interpretation to the passage  
of Scripture which tells us that the moon  
shall inherit the earth. He pointed out  
that the word "moon" is an archaic form  
of the word "Mac," and that the verse  
should read, "Blessed are the Macs, for  
they shall inherit the earth." At another  
dinner there was quoted the words of the  
French Canadian politician Sir Wilfrid  
Laurier, to the effect that the Scots were  
"the salt of the earth."

AS OTHERS SEE US.  
But we are not allowed to wear our  
pride without rebuke. A New York lady  
has written a letter to the wife of the  
Lord Provost of Glasgow, in which she  
tells us in pungent language that "for  
out-and-out slatternliness the women of  
Glasgow beat anything I have ever seen  
anywhere. Horribly and slovenly dress-  
ed, and on some instances shoeless and  
with babies at their breasts wrapped up  
in an ugly, filthy shawl, and themselves  
smelling of stale, horrible whisky, they  
are the most woe-begone lot of women  
I ever beheld. . . . Your houses with one  
living room forbid decency of the most  
primitive kind. The savage is to be  
envied in comparison with such vile dens  
as I saw. . . . Mark my words, unless  
you destroy the slums, the slums will  
destroy Scotland. . . . Of under-sized,  
bow-legged, and deformed men and  
women, I saw more in Glasgow than any-  
where else in Europe, not to speak of  
America. . . . Your stores and offices are  
dingy, badly lighted, and wretchedly  
ventilated." The worst of it is that  
much of what this lady writes is per-  
fectly true, and the state of matters in  
some parts of our great cities is so alarm-  
ing that the more earnest citizens are  
banding themselves together to try and  
check the evils.

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MERCE have this day been REMOVED  
to the NEW GOVERNMENT BUILD-  
ING (Post Office) 3rd Floor.  
Hongkong, December 24, 1912. 1610

## NOTICE.

WE have this day REMOVED our  
Office to the NEW GOVERN-  
MENT BUILDING (Post Office) 3rd  
Floor.  
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Hongkong, December 24, 1912. 1617

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£22,561,238

Revenue Fire branch... 8,607,156

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## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, Dec. 3.

THE CHANCELLOR AT ABERDEEN.

Most people who know their Aberdeen

will admit that the question of all ques-

tions there is that of the land. In this

north-eastern quarter of the country has

been fought and won a terrible battle

over the forces of nature; a harsh and

unkindly soil has yielded to a century of

muscle and grit. It is now the realm of

large and prosperous farming. But to

those who think deeply there is over all

the pathos of the battlefield. The men

who dug the trenches and fought the

battle are gone. They have left and

found homes in other lands and the great

problem of rural depopulation now faces

our statesmen and Parliament. Happily

the best men of both political parties

are deeply concerned with the dis-

appearance of the small farmer and the

farm labourer. And both political parties

are adumbrating reforms of our land

laws. The main lines of the Unionist

scheme are already before the public; it

is not required of them at the present

moment to announce the details. What the

proposals of the Government are no one

can yet tell, only that it is declared

that "this is the hour of the great in-

quisition of the people." Great interest

therefore was felt in the speech of Mr.

Lloyd-George in Aberdeen; it was hoped

that he might commit one of his "in-

discussions," that he would, in order to

get once more in advance of his col-

leagues, prematurely announce the policy

of Ministers. He was discreet, however;

or was reticence forced upon him? At

any rate he disappointed his hearers, and

his readers in the press; he gave no hint

as to what was in store for us in the

future. Liberalism, he declared, had yet

to deal with the gigantic question of pre-

ventable poverty; and "the first essen-

tial condition of every social reform is

a thorough and complete change in our

mind system." He referred to statistics,

and asked why should they have in Scot-

land a larger emigration than even Ire-

land, scores of thousands every year, and

these the most able-bodied, robust, manly

young fellows in the rural districts, flee-

ing from their native land as if it were

"Archen with pestilence." The pestilence,

he added, is land monopoly. His Colic

eloquence found full scope upon this

theme. The land of Scotland, he said,

should not be used

primarily for the benefit of those who

live on it when the sun is shining and the

weather is in bloom; the land of Scot-

land is for the people who stick to it and

love it when the winter reigns, when

snow and tempest lash fiercely across its

roughed fies." There was a good deal

of this language in the Chancellor's

speech, but of real information regarding

the Government scheme not a syllable.

These are the questions, he vaguely said,

which must be searched. An entertain-

ing and eloquent speech, but headed

Aberdeen was sent into the cold empty

handed.

THE CARNDUFF ORPHANS.

The darg, a' dune, the bottle redd.

And face and fingers slyed.

My concertina 'neath the bed

I took to ease my mind.

Then struntin' o'p by neebour farms

I drew the callous down

To match them with my music's charms

'A' into Sirriven town.

Strang o' the Ha' wad lowse the boys.

The letham and the Hook;

At Windyedge my cheery noise

Brought Cowlup oot to look.

At Clay Jack's oot o' Castleview

The auld dog stopped his wouff

As we stepped by, two after two,

To Sannie's Fulton's bowff.

I played the auld songs that he's been

Wi' fingers fidgin' faint;

I brought the tears to bleas the eeh.

And sent them back again.

I made them joe and yeul







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Hongkong, November 2, 1912.

an action, but, deep-rooted evils require drastic remedies. We believe that this suggestion would, if given a reasonable trial, prove efficacious. This course, drastic as some may (and not without reason) consider it to be, is, in our opinion, preferable to putting the Boycott Ordinance into operation. It is likely to prove more just; it certainly has more right to be legal; and it will, we are inclined to believe, strike at the root of the trouble. As our contemporary points out, the new law, certainly gives "ample powers"—much too ample in our opinion; and we sincerely hope that several likely courses will be given a trial before it is put into operation. Besides—and we trust that this may not be considered as irrelevant to the subject under discussion—why do not the Government endeavour to bring the currency into a more satisfactory condition by other means than those adopted?

**NEWS OF THE DAY.**  
H. M. S. Abercrombie left Shanghai for Hongkong on December 26.

The death is announced of an old Ceylon planter in the person of Mr. Gordon Crispin Forbes, second son of the late Capt. in Forbes, R.N. He was 64 years of age.

Mr. Edward Murray Slater, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, W., a director of the Malacca Rubber Plantations, Ltd., left estate of the gross value of £32,019, with net personality £28,038.

**General Memoranda.**  
SUNDAY, December 29:—8 a.m.—Excursion to Macao.

MONDAY, December 30:—9 p.m.—Concert at the Sui-men's Institute.

9.15 p.m.—The Campus: Ferris Hartman Co. at the Theatre Royal.

TUESDAY, December 31:—8.45 p.m.—Dock Dance.

WEDNESDAY, January 1:—General Holiday.

FRIDAY, January 3:—8.30 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral.

**The China Mail**

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1912.

**THE TRAMWAY BOYCOTT.**

OUR senior morning contemporary, we observe, returns this morning to the subject of the Tramway Boycott, referring to it as still persisting. This, of course, is not surprising in view of the facts, but it is a little strange owing to the statement made in their news columns the other morning to the effect that the Boycott was practically over. We had pointed out at the time that it was not over, and we are glad to see that our contemporary has come round to our view. Never at any time was there any indication that the free rides had materially assisted the Tramway Company towards arriving at a solution of their trouble.

It is, in our opinion, preposterous to say of any thing in connection with this question that it "establishes pretty clearly the political character of the boycott." There is also no clear evidence of anything approaching organization. This we have pointed out before now; and we see no reason for endorsing such a view on the ground that the Boycott still vigorously persists. Intimidation and organization are two different things, and it does not necessarily follow that the almost certain presence of the former indicates that it results from the action of the latter. If intimidation is actually being enforced, the probability is that it is the indirect action of the Ricksha Guilds together, perhaps, with that of the Launch Owners or Hires. We agree with the view that the origin of the boycott may rest largely with the money-changers, and it is not improbable that they still take more than a casual interest in it.

As to remedying the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, we have already pointed out that the licenses might, for some little time, be withdrawn from rickshas and launches used by Chinese coolies in their occupation. We have already stated that we deplore the necessity for such

an action, but, deep-rooted evils require drastic remedies. We believe that this suggestion would, if given a reasonable trial, prove efficacious. This course, drastic as some may (and not without reason) consider it to be, is, in our opinion, preferable to putting the Boycott Ordinance into operation. It is likely to prove more just; it certainly has more right to be legal; and it will, we are inclined to believe, strike at the root of the trouble. As our contemporary points out, the new law, certainly gives "ample powers"—much too ample in our opinion; and we sincerely hope that several likely courses will be given a trial before it is put into operation. Besides—and we trust that this may not be considered as irrelevant to the subject under discussion—why do not the Government endeavour to bring the currency into a more satisfactory condition by other means than those adopted?

It is announced in the London Gazette that the King has been pleased to approve of the Albert Medal of the Second Class being conferred upon Mr. Arthur Hanson, of Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., in recognition of his gallantry in saving life in the Yangtze Gorges on Nov. 13, 1911. On the day in question a number of houseboats containing foreign refugees from Szechuan were proceeding down the Yangtze River, and in one of the gorges encountered a strong wind blowing against the current, with the result that several boats were caught in a dangerous whirlpool. With one exception the boats were brought out of the whirlpool by the strenuous efforts of those on board, but the remaining boat, which contained several women and children, was left drifting in the whirlpool in a perilous position, her rudder having been broken off. At great personal risk Mr. Hanson, who was on shore some considerable distance away, swam out with a rope tied round him, and succeeded in attaching this to the boat, which by this means was safely pulled to land.

**SOMETHING DEPENDABLE**  
(HAMMERBLAIN) Cough, Croup, Whooping Cough, Colds and Irritations of the Throat and Lungs. It stands unrivalled as a remedy for all these and long illnesses. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Court Guards Theatrical Company arrived yesterday by the s.s. "Prins Ludwig."

A consignment of Chinese pork has been condemned and destroyed by the Medical Officer of the Port of London.

For anchoring his junk in the southern fairway contrary to the harbour regulations a fishing junk man was fined \$5 by the Marine Magistrate to-day.

A party of Y.M.C.A. members spent an enjoyable day at Tai Mo Shan yesterday. They climbed the mountain and on their return had a picnic lunch on the bench.

Chinese paper money 1,400 years old is on exhibition in New York with some coins 3,400 years old. The paper money can be crumpled up like silk and yet show no creases.

A Chinese boy who was charged before Mr. Melbourne to-day with being in the possession of, and with uttering, false coin representing Hongkong money was sent to prison for three weeks on each charge.

The 2nd Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry are expected to arrive by the R.M.S. Northbrook on January 14. The Battalion, which is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Town, is 700 strong.

A Chinese charged with attempting to unlawfully export 300 taels of opium was remanded by Mr. Melbourne to-day at the Magistrate's Revenue Office. Wilkins is prosecuting, and the man is defended by Mr. Goldring.

A disastrous fire occurred recently at Tanjong Rambutan, the large mining centre near Ipoh, Perak. The block of shops, Nos. 43 to 50, were burnt out, and the damage is put at \$50,000, but it is stated that \$20,000 worth is covered by insurance.

Mr. Paul Rubens, author of "The Sunshine Girl" and "Miss Hook of Holland," is writing a new musical play for Mr. Charles Frohman. Mr. Rubens is to compose the book as well as the music, and the new piece is to be called "The X-ray Girl."

It is reported that the donation from the Malay Rulers of the relief of the sick and wounded Turkish soldiers in the Balkans, amounts to \$25,000, and that this has already been sent by cable.

Mr. John H. Whiteaker, formerly of the Straits Times staff, but more recently telegraph editor of the Morning Union, of San Diego, California, U.S.A., has gone into business for himself, having purchased a general merchandise establishment at Delness, San Diego County, about twenty miles from the city of San Diego.

At the Fitzgerald Memorial Church, Peking, on Friday morning, a quiet wedding took place between Mr. H. B. Polglase, of Singapore, and Miss Mamp, of Bristol, England. The bride, who arrived by the mail boat the previous day, was neatly and prettily attired in white and was accompanied by the bridegroom's sister and father. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. E. Hodley, of Ipoh, a long standing friend of the Polglase family.

A European named Alp, employed at the Naval Yard was summoned before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Magistrate to-day for failing to comply with the vaccination order in reference to his youngest child. Defendant stated that the whole of his family was vaccinated during the plague scare. He had posted the certificate to the department, but the department stated they had not received it. The defendant was ordered to send the certificate.

The annual ball of the Hongkong Police is to be held to-night at the City Hall, which has been beautifully decorated for the occasion. It is expected that there will be between 300 and 350 dancers. The catering has been placed in the hands of the Astor House Hotel, and nothing has been left undone to make the event one of the most successful in the annals of the force. A large number of the members of the Hongkong police were busily engaged during the day in the work of decoration, and several new features have been introduced.

## CHINESE IN EAST INDIES.

Replying to a question in the Second Chamber of the States-General in Amsterdam on the Estimates of the Ministry for the Colonies, the Minister for the Colonies, referring to the question of the Chinese in the Colonies, asserted his wish to respect their conviction that they were not inferior to Western races, as well as their desire not to be treated as a race apart in the East Indies. He proposed to put them on an equality with the Europeans for the time being, and to create a Council of experts for Chinese affairs. Of this council Chinese residents in the Indies might be consultative members. The Minister denied the report of the appointment of a Lieutenant-General to the East Indies.

## WEDDING AT KOWLOON.

Mr. Seidel-Miss Peterson.

The marriage was solemnized yesterday morning at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, of Mr. Arthur A. Seidel and Miss Martha Louise Peterson, third daughter of Mrs. Uschmann, of the Station Hotel, Kowloon. There was a large attendance of friends at the service, at which the Rev. N. C. Pope was the officiating clergyman.

The bride was attired in a very pretty dress of white Liberty satin trimmed with lace and orange blossom. She was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Annie Peterson, her sister, who was attired in a dainty dress of cream French silk. Mr. Lukmuthoff carried out the duties of best man.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieutenant Gladstone, King's Dragoon Guards, has been appointed extra aide-de-camp to the Commander-in-Chief in India.

Sir Hugh Clifford had an audience at York Cottage on December 5 with His Majesty King George and kissed hands on his appointment as Governor of the Gold Coast.

Captain Belgrave, 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, who was garrisoned at Singapore recently, has been appointed adjutant of the 2nd Battalion of his regiment at Peshawar, India.

A marriage is arranged, and will take place in April, between Henry Layard Whythead, elder son of the Rev. Henry Robert Whythead, vicar of Warmminster, and Dorothy Bramwell, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Lawrence Colville Jackson, K.C., Judicial Commissioner of the Federated Malay States, and Mrs. Jackson, of Updown House, Basing, Kent.

Mr. H. G. Haugh, who was in charge of the U. S. Consulate at Saigon, passed through recently in company with Mrs. Haugh, on his way home. Mr. Haugh has retired from the Consular service, and is to devote his activities to other work. Another member of this service who is at present in the Far East, is Mr. Hamilton Butler, who was in the Consulate at Canton, and it will be remembered, was formerly Mixed Court Assessor there. He has likewise gone to the States.

## CHRISTMAS DAY WITH THE BRITISH TROOPS IN HONGKONG.

AT VICTORIA BARRACKS.

As is usual at Christmas time, the Sergeants' Mess and Dining Hall of the 88th Coy were decorated in proper Xmas style, and every effort was made to enliven the usual bare surroundings familiar with soldiers' quarters. Major C. G. Fritchard, commanding 88th Coy, accompanied by Captain Currie and Lieut. Cunningham, visited the married families and the men at dinner. Major Fritchard complimented the men on the splendid decorations and wished them all the happiest of Xmas. The officers' health was then drunk by the men with musical honours and vociferous cheering followed them as they left. A generous feast was provided for the men which of course done full justice to. In the evening a concert in the canteen terminated a pleasant day for the 88th Coy.

AT WELLINGTON BARRACKS.

The Engineers kept up their Xmas festivities in their usual excellent fashion. The N.C.O.'s Mess and the Men's Dining Hall was decorated with splendid taste and was a credit to even the R.E. experts as they are in the art of decorating. Colonel St. John and officers and ladies of the R.E. visited the N.C.O.'s Mess and Dining Hall and in an appropriate speech wished all the compliments of the season. Q.M.S. Collingwood responded on behalf of the N.C.O.'s who drank the health of the officers and ladies with musical honours. Concerts in the evening were held in the N.C.O.'s Mess and Dining Hall to which numerous friends were invited and Christmas day was wound up with all happy and contented.

AT LYNN.

At Lyman, the entertainment consisted chiefly of the Children's Xmas Tree and concerts held in the Sergeants' Mess and Canteen. The officers visited the men at dinner, where a gorgeous spectacle was presented, the decorations in the Dining Hall being magnificent. The menu provided was a credit to the committee. In the afternoon, Lieut. Moore presided at the Xmas Tree, and presented the presents to the children. In the evening concerts were held in the Sergeants' Mess and Canteen which were largely attended and a great success. Although Lyman is such a desolate spot everything was bright and everyone happy.

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## LOCAL SPORTSMEN'S EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

"Covered" by Chinese Soldiers.

(By one of the party.)

A party of gentlemen, residents of Hongkong, had a rather exciting experience on Christmas Day while out shooting in Chinese territory. The party—six in all—left Wai Kwoi Pier about eleven o'clock on Christmas Eve for their destination—Wang Moon, at the mouth of the Canton River—which they reached early next morning.

That day was spent on the large, extensive paddy areas—made by the Chinese thousands of years ago by the erection of huge "bunds" or dikes, which shut out the water from the river—in the quiet of the wild and wily subject, and it was while working one of these paddy patches that the incident occurred.

The party of six had worked up the field about two-thirds or three-quarters of the way when a great shouting and commotion was heard on the bund, about 200 yards away, towards which the party were making. A number of Chinese were seen on the bund, but little notice of them was taken at first and the sportsmen continued shooting at the birds, which perhaps added to the suspicions of the Chinese as the shots were going in their direction. Suddenly, after some orders had been given in a loud voice, followed by much shouting by the group of Chinese, they were seen to run about as if taking cover in extended order behind the banana trees that grow on the bunds. It was now noticed that the men were armed, each one carrying a rifle, and a Republican flag—red with white star on blue in the corner—was hoisted. One of the armed gentry rushed down the side of the bund and dropping on one knee took aim, point blank, at one of the sportsmen while the others were covered by the other Chinese from behind the banana trees. Needless to say such individual member of the shooting party was struck dumb and motionless for a few moments. Then the shouting commenced again and questions and answers were exchanged between the company of Chinese soldiers, as they soon after proved to be, and the Chinese "pickers" in attendance on the sportsmen. The purpose of it all appeared to be, when summed up, to this effect:

"These men are not robbers, they are foreigners." "If they are not robbers, let them come forward and show themselves." "Which the foreigners accordingly did and soon satisfied the Chinese soldiers of their peaceful intent and occupation.

The officer or non-com in charge of the company of soldiers—they were about 15 or 20 strong—said they were expecting robbers or pirates from the other side of the river and hearing the firing thought we were the robbers for whom they at first mistook us. On being pointed out that had been robbers we should not have advanced in line up the middle of the field, but taken cover on the bunds, no reply was forthcoming. Nevertheless the sportsman had a bit of a scare which was not altogether pleasant while it lasted.

The rest of the holiday was uneventful. The total bag of the party was some 120 birds.

## THE CHEUNG CHAU PIRACY.

Defendants Before The Court.

At the Magistracy this afternoon before Mr. Hazland two women and a man appeared on remand on a charge of complicity in the piracy on Cheung Chau. The defendants were arrested at Macao.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. Inspector Watt had been in charge of the case.

Mr. Hodgson outlined the nature of the case that would be laid before the Court against the defendants. They were not, he said, the ringleaders, but they were arrested while they were on board a junk, which it would be proved beyond doubt, was the junk that went to Cheung Chau. The defendants belonged to the petty that was on the junk, and they were arrested on board the vessel at Macao. The junk was not an ordinary vessel of this class, although it may have been once. It was fitted out for the purposes of piracy. There were traces on the junk of corpses having been there, and he would prove that certain chin makers had been engaged to make coffins, and were ordered to remove the bodies of two persons from the junk. These were the bodies of some of the robbers who were killed by the skirmish which took place on Cheung Chau island. The junk containing the gang that attacked Cheung Chau went in the direction of Macao after the attack. A man named Chan Tack would be called who would tell the Court that he was kept on board the Lee Tak, along with the crew, battered down in the engine room for about five hours, and the engines were stopped. The robbers were towed away before they stopped the engines. It was threatened that Chan Tack would be held to ransom but the pirates afterwards liberated him.

Mr. Hodgson then called Chan Tack, who stated that he was in the Cheung Chau police station on the night of the attack. He was awakened from his sleep by the report of firearms, and ran and hid himself. Witness had gone to the island to collect Government rents. He was found by some of the robbers, who seized him, and took him to a crowd of other pirates, who laid him up. Some of the men asked witness for the keys of the safe, and witness said they were with the sergeant. Thereupon the robbers were pointed at him, and he was told that he must produce the keys. They afterwards broke up the safe, and the robbers made off with the contents. Witness was "piled" by the pirates, who called him a scoundrel, and told him that he was a traitor who had betrayed the pirates. Witness was kept a prisoner on the island, but was afterwards liberated.

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## SPORTING.

Cricket.

The following will represent the Chief Services Cricket Club v. The Royal Engineers to-morrow on the C. S. C. ground: R. E. O. Bird, R. C. Widdell, F. A. Biden, H. A. Cox, R. C. Barlow, A. R. Sutherland, H. Poole, A. O. Brown, E. Reed, P. Jacks and F. W. Hamilton.

Cricket. C. C. v. D. Diocesan past and present. This friendly match will be played to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. on the C. C. C. ground.

The following will represent the C. C. C.—H. H. Taylor, J. V. Bragg, E. L. Bragg, R. A. Carralho, L. A. Rose, D. K. Khanna, F. Remedios, S. B. Batilavara, S. D. Setna, W. J. Mooney, and J. D. Noris.

HONGKONG v. UNITED SERVICES.

This match, commenced on Christmas day, was concluded yesterday. The Services did none too well in their first innings, their total being only 134. Hongkong compiled the large figure of 388, and then dismissed the Services in their second innings for 123. The score of the Services second innings is appended:

UNITED SERVICES SECOND INNINGS.

Capt. Crawford, c R. Hancock, b Bird	4
Capt. Robertson, b Bird	27
E. R. A. Poole, c Pearce, b Bird	28
Lieut. Smith, c Anderson, b Bird	29
Corpl. Dempsey, c Pearce, b Bird	2
Major Bowen, b Anderson	5
P. O'Neil, c Dodwell, b Bird	6
Lieut. Hutton, b Anderson	2
Lieut. Baghall, b Anderson	8
Lieut. White, b Anderson	0
Rev. Mr. Hastings, not out	0
Extras	13
Total	123

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	18.3	1	46	6
Dodwell	8	1	38	0
Anderson	8	3	26	4

## League Cricket.

Kowloon C.C. v. Hongkong C.C.

The following will represent Kowloon C.C. in their league match against Hongkong C.C. at Kowloon on Saturday; play commences at 2 p.m. sharp:—J. P. Robinson, F. Sutton, K. R. Macaskill, W. E. Dixon, E. C. Smith, J. H. Mead, H. S. Rouse, F. J. de Rome, Capt. Wood, B. D. Evans and W. L. Wanser; reserve, H. E. Scott.

## Association Football.

INTER-SPORT PRACTICE MATCH.

This match will take place to-morrow on the Hongkong Football Club's ground at 4 p.m. sharp. Referee, Scrat, Wilson. Teams—Possibles:—Messrs. Colmer, I. E. Chunnatt, J. V. Bragg, Barry, Green, Finchard, Mullin, Daugherty, Clarke, Dailman, and Rossetier. Probables:—Messrs. W. B. Riglan, J. P. Brown, W. V. Pennell, W. A. Wilson, P. F. Benton, C. Smith, K. F. Long, D. Campbell, A. Hamilton, H. S. Jones and R. C. Barlow.

1ST DIVISION. LEAGUE TABLE.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts
R.C.A.	6	4	0	2	14	6	10
K.O.Y.L.	5	4	0	1	12	6	9
H.E.C.C.	5	1	2	2	7	8	4
H.M.S.	6	2	4	0	17	13	4
"Tamar"	6	0	5	1	4	21	1

Win, 2 points; draw, 1 point.

## Billiard Tournaments at Home.

VICTORY FOR SMITH.

The heat of 9,000 up between T. Rees (acc. 1,000) and W. Smith (acc. 2,250) in Messrs. Burroughes and Watt's American tournament at the Soho Square Hall, has been strenuously contested.

Yesterday afternoon, Nov. 30th, Rees improved his position by scoring 783 points to Smith's 563. Rees made breaks of 210, 100, 51, 76, 148, and 47 (twice), while Smith put on 178, 47, 69, and 153 (unfinished). Interval scores: Smith (in play), 8,438; Rees, 8,257.

At night Smith increased his unfinished break to 8,603, of which 156 were scored off the red ball. His best break afterwards was 128. Rees also showed good form in a run of 361, which he followed with 51, 52, and 92. In the end Smith won by 102 points, the final score being: Smith (acc. 2,250); Rees (acc. 1,000) 8,898.

INNAN'S MATCH WITH DIGGLE.

The first of three matches of 18,000 up between Innan and E. Diggle, the latter receiving 1,250 points start, was begun at Messrs. Thurston's hall in Leicester-square on Nov. 25th. Each match is for £10



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## BRITAIN'S "MERRY XMAS!"

## A GALE AND CONTINUOUS RAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 26.  
A gale with continuous rain has made Christmas one of the most dismal on record. Besides many shipping casualties, there was a crop of fatal accidents.

## SAD FATALITIES.

On Christmas Eve a family of four perished in a fire at Islington, fire occurred in a jute warehouse in Dundee, and swollen water burst the wall of a house which fell, killing four children, another one being extricated from the ruins uninjured.

## BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE.

Crew And Passengers Sing Carols!

The British fruit steamer *Tori Alba*, one of the new line trading between the West Indies and New York, went ashore in a snowstorm on the coast of New Jersey. She summoned help by wireless. The crew and sixty passengers sang carols while awaiting the lifeboats, and were rescued with difficulty in the high seas.

## A DEPRESSING BOXING DAY.

## Gales And Wrecks.

One of the most dismal Christmas Days experienced in England was followed by a depressing Boxing Day. A gale accompanied by a down pour of rain was responsible for numerous wrecks along the coasts.

## TERRIFIC STORMS.

There was a terrific storm in Devon and Cornwall with lightning and torrents of rain. Two passenger steamers and many other vessels went ashore and much damage was done to telephone and telegraph wires and property.

## THE DELHI OUTRAGE.

## VICEROY "MUCH BETTER."

LONDON, Dec. 26.  
A telegram from Delhi states that Lord Hardinge to-night (Thursday) was much better. His Lordship has stated that the attempt has not changed his feelings regarding India or her people and would make no difference to his policy. He could only share the feeling of sympathy, absence and horror with which India was also filled.

## LORD HARDINGE PASSES A GOOD NIGHT.

Reuter's Delhi correspondent telegraphs that the delirium in Lord Hardinge's right ear has improved and his wounds are now causing him no pain. His Excellency passed a good night, sleeping well.  
The police are still making inquiries upon the bank premises in the Chandni Chowk from which the bomb is said to have been thrown.

## EFFECT OF THE REWARDS.

The magnitude of the rewards offered for the arrest of the perpetrator of the outrage is having a marked effect upon the native community.

## BRITISH INSURANCE ACT.

## PANELS NOW BEING FORMED.

LONDON, Dec. 26.  
The differences of doctors at the meeting of the British Medical Association on the subject of the Insurance Act is reflected throughout the country, though panels to work the Act are now being formed in the majority of districts. A meeting of doctors and the Middlesex Insurance Committee at Westminster was attended by doctors representing the Association, who kept 45 doctors outside.

## THE KING UNWELL.

## SUFFERING FROM A CHILL.

LONDON, Dec. 27.  
His Majesty the King was yesterday suffering from a slight chill, but is well again to-day.  
He attended the festivities at Sandringham on Christmas Eve, but was unable to attend Church yesterday with the Queen Mother and other members of the Royal Family; nor was he able to participate in the dinner party given by Queen Alexandra.

## THE SANDRINGHAM SHOOT.

LONDON, Dec. 27.  
The Sandringham Shoot has been abandoned owing to the inclemency of the weather.

## BOXING CONTEST.

## MCVEA BADLY BEATEN.

LONDON, Dec. 27.  
A telegram from Sydney states that Langford beat McVea in the thirteenth round after a fiercely contested fight. Though McVea made a plucky effort, he was hopelessly outclassed.

## CHINESE NEWS.

## PERING, Dec. 27.

An instalment of the Boxer Indemnity becomes due for payment by the Chinese government in January but in view of the lack of funds a postponement has been requested. A meeting of the Foreign Ministers is to be held to consider the matter.  
Most of the Russian troops have been recalled from the Mongolian frontier.

## ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

## CHINESE MINISTER FIRED AT IN LONDON.

PERING, Dec. 27.  
A Peking telegram states that an attempt has been made to assassinate the Chinese Minister in London, Lau Yu Lin. Lau was fired at by the superintendent of the Chinese students in the Metropolis, but was unhurt, though one of his attendants was injured. The assassin's motive is unknown. The rumour so far has not been confirmed.

## BOMB OUTRAGE AT FOOCHEW.

## OFFICER'S FAMILY WIPED OUT.

PERING, Dec. 27.  
A bomb thrown at the house of the chief officer of the Civil Department at Foochow wrecked the premises and killed all the members of the officer's family. The chief officer was in Shanghai at the time.

## THE FERRIS-HARTMANN COMPANY.

This clever American Company made a welcome re-appearance at the Theatre Royal last night, when they presented "A Night Off" to a fairly large audience. The drama was cleverly played, the Company entering upon their respective parts with great zest. Mr. Ferris-Hartmann, as Leander Lamb, Miss Joie Love, as Mrs. Lamb, Miss "Maggie" Davis as "Sylvia," Mr. Roscoe Arbuckle as "Sylvester," were the outstanding members of the cast and performed with much talent. "The Story of the Knife" was again told for the 37th time by the meek and mild Leander with great gusto and to the accompaniment of appropriate music.  
To-night the play to be produced is "A Trip Abroad."

## LOST BROTHERS.

Two apprentices in the sailing ship *Gulf Stream*, which has not been heard of since leaving Glasgow a year ago and has been given up for lost, were sons of Mr. R. Brutton, a Gravesend Trinity House pilot, who went to sea together because they would not be separated.

## A GAMBLING DEBT.

## Money Won at Dice Irrecoverable.

The Police Judge, Mr. Justice Campbell, delivered an interesting reserved judgment this morning in an action in which the claim was for money won and lent in connection with a Chinese game in which dice and dominoes are used. His Lordship held that money so won, or lent for the purpose of playing such a game cannot be recovered at law. The text of his judgment is appended:  
This is a claim for money lent. The defence is that \$800 of the claim represents money lost in playing 'pai kau', a game of chance in which dice and dominoes are used, and that the balance is for money lent to be used in playing that game. Very circumstantial evidence was given on both sides and it is common ground that the transaction took place in a brothel. I do not propose to review the evidence in detail. Had there been a jury in this case I should have left the matter to them with the direction that they were to find for whichever party they believed, on the facts as a whole, to be telling the truth. Putting the case to myself in the same manner I have no hesitation in saying that I believe the defence and that I reject the story told by the plaintiff's witnesses. Having got so far I have to decide whether the defence proved its case in law. In my opinion it is, as to the whole of the claim. It seems that the Act 18 Geo. II, Cap. 19 makes illegal games played with dice. Money therefore lost at such a game cannot be recovered: the only consideration for the promise to pay is an illegal one. Again, money lent for the purpose of playing at an illegal game cannot be recovered back. The lender is himself a party to the violation of the statute. *McKinnell v. Robinson*, S.M. and W. 434. I must give judgment for the defendant with costs.

## NEW YEAR CALENDARS.

The British American Tobacco Company, Ltd., have issued a very artistic calendar advertising their well-known brand of Three Castles Tobacco and Cigarettes. The calendar comprises four beautiful pictures dealing with the old stage coach days.

Messrs. Gando, Price and Co., the local agents for the Distillers Company, Ltd., have issued a useful calendar upon which is an attractive picture of the great actress, Ellen Terry, in the part of Portia in "The Merchant of Venice." It is pointed out that the Distillers Company, Ltd., are the proprietors of the King George IV. and the "D.C.L." whiskies.

Messrs. James Crawford and Co., the Hongkong agents for Napier, Johnston's "Square Bottle" whiskey have issued a neat little desk calendar advertising the whiskey referred to.  
The London Assurance Co. (fire, life and marine) have also issued a neat little desk calendar. This company, which is represented in Hongkong, has funds now totalling the enormous sum of £1,700,000.

Mr. P. Foster, the local manager of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., has sent out an attractive little calendar advertising his company. This is a fire, life, marine and accident company.  
The Hongkong Agent of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company has sent out a dainty little book which is issued in the form of a diary and almanack. It gives copious information regarding the vast business of the P. and O. Company, and should prove of considerable interest to all wishing to learn particulars regarding the company and its business. Several maps illustrate the text, and there are a couple of pages describing the colours worn by merchant vessels of different countries.

Messrs. William Meyerink and Company, the local agents for the Liverpool London and Globe Insurance Co., Ltd., have issued a serviceable calendar and blotting pad advertising the insurance company's business. It is stated that the assets of the company now exceed the enormous total of £11,500,000. Messrs. Meyerink and Co. also issue a useful blotting pad advertising the Aachen and Munich Fire Insurance Company. Of this company it is stated that the capital subscribed now amounts to £450,000; that the sum paid on losses amounts to the total of £18,547,888; and that the company has reserves amounting to £1,132,823.

Messrs. Hatterfield and Swire, Hongkong agents of the Royal Exchange Insurance Company and the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, Limited, have just issued on behalf of these companies a neat little desk and wall calendar; also a variety of blotting pads and a neat little diary for the company year. On behalf of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company they have also issued a very useful article for the office named the "Kompaktum" file. Of this company it is stated that the security funds now amount to the handsome figure of £5,102,322.

Messrs. Siemens and Co., the local agents for the Sun Fire Office, which claims to be "the oldest insurance company in the world," have issued a useful wall calendar and also a tasteful blotting pad. The Sun Fire Office was founded in 1710.

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## SEIZURE OF LOTTERY PRINTING PLANT.

Inspector Dymond, Police Sergeant, Adlington and a party of constables raided the second floor of 338, Queen's Road West, yesterday where they made a big haul of lottery tickets, type, and printing materials. The police had been informed that the premises had been used for the purpose of printing lottery tickets, and they seized the whole of the paraphernalia that was found, including a quantity of lottery tickets which had already been printed. Five men were arrested, and they were brought before Mr. Hazland at the Magistrate's court.

After hearing the evidence, Mr. Hazland discharged the second and fifth defendants.

Inspector Dymond remarked that there was a lot of this lottery ticket printing done in the Colony. There was continual raiding, and in this case a large quantity of material was seized.  
The Magistrate said he thought there was somebody behind the first defendant. Inspector Dymond said this was really a branch of the Macao lottery. The house in this case was only ten doors from the police station, and a big business was being done there. There must be someone of means behind the men who bought all the material. Money was often given to people to prevent them giving information to the police, and owing to this fact it was very difficult for the police to catch them. He would ask for an example to be made.

Mr. Hazland fined the first defendant \$100 for printing, or one month's hard labour; and for having the tickets in his possession, \$500 or three months' hard labour. The second defendant was fined \$50 or one month for printing, and also \$100 on the second charge. The fourth defendant was fined \$50 or one month, and found not guilty on the second charge. The sentences were consecutive in regard to the first defendant.  
The printing plant was ordered to be confiscated.

## LATEST HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

## The League Matches.

(From the "Referee" of Dec. 1st.)

FIRST DIVISION.	
Bolton Wanderers	2 Manchester U..... 1
Reading City	0 Sheffield Wed..... 1
Blackburn Rovers	3 Tottenham H..... 0
Sheffield United	2 Notts County..... 0
Chelsea	3 Derby County..... 1
Liverpool	2 Aston Villa..... 0
Manchester City	1 Everton..... 0
Newcastle United	3 Middlesbrough..... 1
Blackburn Rovers	1 Woolwich Arsenal..... 0
West Bromwich	3 Sunderland..... 1

POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS TO DATE.	
	P. W. L. D. Pts.
Manchester City	14 10 3 1 21
Sheffield Wednesday	9 3 2 20
Blackburn Rovers	15 7 2 6 20
Aston Villa	16 8 4 4 20
Oldham Athletic	14 7 2 5 19
Bolton Wanderers	15 9 5 1 19
Newcastle United	15 7 4 4 17
Derby County	14 7 3 17
Liverpool	16 7 8 1 15
Bradford City	13 5 4 4 14
Sunderland	15 6 7 2 14
Everton	15 6 7 2 14
Manchester United	5 0 3 13
Sheffield United	14 7 3 11
Middlesbrough	14 4 7 3 11
Chelsea	16 4 9 2 10
Notts County	14 2 9 3 7
Woolwich Arsenal	15 1 10 4 6
Tottenham Hotspur	14 1 10 3 5

SECOND DIVISION.	
Preston North End	1 W'hampton W..... 1
Leicester Fosse	1 Fulham..... 0
Burnley	5 Bradford..... 0
Bury	2 Clapton Orient..... 1
Hull City	2 Barnley..... 0
Leeds City	2 Notts Forest..... 1
Birmingham	3 Blackpool..... 2
Brisol City	0 Huddersfield T. 0

4 Abandoned through frost.

POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS TO DATE.	
	P. W. L. D. Pts.
Birmingham	14 8 2 4 20
Wolverhampton W.	10 7 3 5 19
Fulham	16 7 4 5 19
Lincoln City	14 7 3 4 18
Notts Forest	15 7 4 4 18
Clapton Orient	14 7 3 17
Preston North End	15 4 4 16
Hull City	13 6 4 3 15
Bury	14 6 7 1 13
Bristol City	14 3 4 7 13
Fulham	15 6 8 1 13
Barnley	13 5 6 2 12
Huddersfield Town	15 4 7 4 12
Leicester Fosse	15 5 7 3 12
Grimby Town	14 4 7 3 11
Blackpool	15 4 8 3 11
Bradford	14 2 6 6 10
Stockport County	15 3 8 4 10
Glossop	12 4 7 1 9

## The Southern League.

FIRST DIVISION.	
Coventry City	1 Queen's Park R. 1
Southampton	1 Stoke N.E. 0
Reading	1 Plymouth Argyle 0
Crystal Palace	1 Norwich City..... 0
Gillingham	1 Merthyr Town..... 1
West Ham U.	1 Millwall..... 1
Wentworth	2 Portsmouth..... 1

POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS TO DATE.	
	P. W. L. D. Pts.
Swindon Town	15 9 3 3 21
Crystal Palace	15 8 3 4 20
Reading	15 9 4 2 20
Queen's Park R.	14 6 2 6 18
Millwall Athletic	14 6 3 5 18
West Ham United	15 6 5 4 16
Coventry City	16 5 4 16
Exeter City	15 6 5 4 16
Watford	16 6 4 16
Plymouth Argyle	14 5 5 15
Hartley Town	14 5 4 15
Portsmouth	15 5 5 15
Brighton and Hove	14 5 5 14
Gillingham	14 6 5 13
Norwich City	15 6 2 12
Norwich City	15 7 4 12
Trinity Rovers	15 2 7 11
Stoke	15 4 3 11
Stoke	15 4 3 11
Brentford	15 4 11 0 8



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## SOME CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Some private Christmas greeting cards from prominent politicians have been unearthed by the "Glasgow News." Here are two of the best:

MR. ANQUITH.  
The Premier's card is a particularly charming production, embellished with a half-mooning border, and bearing the simple, but effective message, "Peace on earth, good will to men—May you have a Christmas without precedent."  
MR. JOHN REDMOND.  
Mr. Redmond has been fortunate in securing an amusing parody on "Kathleen Maureen," in which he himself figures as Kathleen. The title of the parody is "Kathleen Maureen's."

## CARRIED OFF BY AEROPLANE.

Miss E. C. Pimlott, a professional nurse, of Hipperholme, near Halifax, was awarded at a sheriff's court at Leeds recently, £175 damages against Mr. R. L. Isachson, a Leeds engineer, for injuries sustained by being run into by his aeroplane.  
Miss Pimlott said that she was on the sands at Filey when she saw the aeroplane coming straight towards her. She tried to get out of the way, but was caught and picked up by one of the wings. She remembered seeing the sea, but then lost consciousness. When she recovered she was in a convalescent home.

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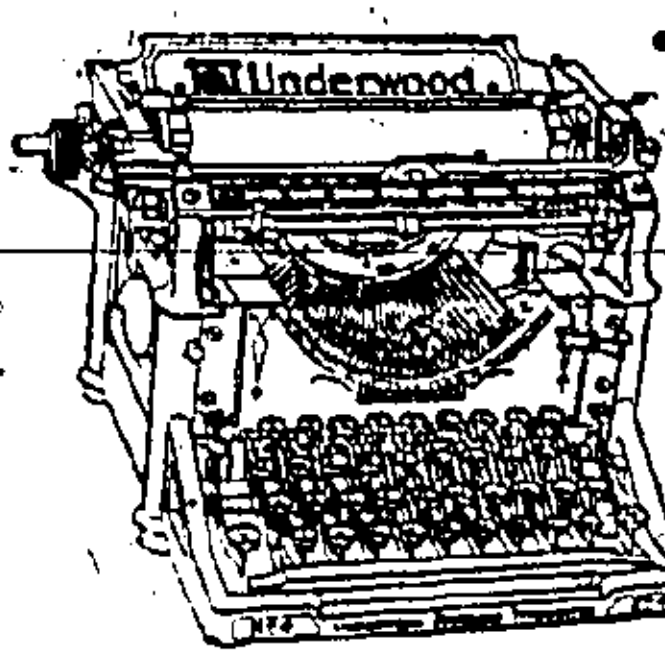
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